

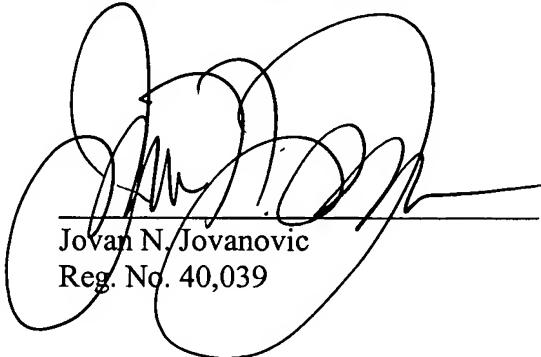
REMARKS

In light of the foregoing preliminary amendment, the Application, as a whole, is in *prima facie* condition for substantive examination at the present time. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and passage to allowance, toward the ultimate issuance thereof.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the foregoing, a telephone call to the undersigned at (616) 355-0400 is respectfully solicited.

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